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Microsoft's proposed settlement will not only not cost them much financially, therefore not truly being a penalty but more of a marketing expense, it will also give them a new and lucrative monopolistic opportunity in the education market. The one market that they haven't been able to bully their way into has been education. Schools have been able to make their own choice based on cost of ownership, ease of use and ease of support.

If Microsoft's proposed settlement was approved, it would take away all opportunities for Apple Computer and many third party software vendors. Companies who create and distribute superior products would be forced out of the education market by way of lower income school districts not having a choice but to use Microsoft/Intel based products since they would be basically free, aside from the total cost of ownership, which is much, much higher than that of comparable Apple products.

Microsoft should be forced to pay a true financial penalty with a substantial amount funding an education pool that would allow school districts to be granted money to make purchases for technology based on their need and desire.

Sincerely,

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